

# **MAMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between  
CBRMP, LGED, Sunamgonj  
And  
The BRRI, Gazipur.

## **PRELUDE**

LGED is implementing the Community Based Management Project (CBRMP) (hereinafter referred to as the Project) which seeks increase of the income of the landless, small and marginal farm holders in Sunamgonj and the surrounding haors in a sustainable way. The joint IFAD/GOB aided project aims at increasing the incomes of the poor through five components, namely: (a) labour intensive infrastructure development; (b) fisheries development; (c) crop and livestock production; (d) provision of micro-finance and (e) the development of grass root institutional development.

In its implementation, the project would work closely with various Ministries and Government agencies, Research Institution, National & International NGO's in the project area.

Boro rice is the main crop and the main source of people's livelihood in the haor areas of Sunamgonj. This single rice crop is vulnerable to early flash flood occurring in mid to late April, when the crop is almost ready to harvest. Modern varieties (BR19, BRRI dhan28, BRRI dhan29), which have replaced local varieties for their higher yields, are more vulnerable to the early flash flood due to their long duration and shorter plant height. Therefore, the farmers of the mentioned areas are in need of alternative high yielding varieties of bore rice for a more ensured harvest. Technologies that have been identified as having potential, but which are unproven under the special physical and socio-economic condition in the project area, would be tested and further developed in participative on farm research trials. Research would be concentrated on the 16 focus villages but increasing to 48 by June 2007. This research would be carried out on a contract basis by BRRI or BARI, jointly or individually.

BRRI has the technical expertise and the project has number of skilled manpower that can assist in the implementation of research for Rice varieties (Adaptive Trials) sub-component of the project, which entirely in within scope of BRRI. Therefore, BRRI can play a very important role in research of Rice Varieties of the project area, which will benefit the people of the haor areas as well as the country by increased rice production.

Now, as both the project and BRRI are willing to cooperate with each other in technology transfer, MOU is signed between CBRMP & BRRI. It is mentionable here that BRRI Habigaoj will be responsible for co-ordinating all the research activities under this MOU.

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding has been made on the May 24, 2005 between the Sunamgonj Community Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP), LGED and Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), Gazipur.

### **Whereas**

- Both BRRI and CBRMP are concerned about the stated problem of boro rice in the haor areas of Sunamgonj and are willing to collaborate for developing a solution.
- The project's responsibilities are to increase the income of the rural poor in the Project area.
- The Project Research, BRRI have agreed to enter into an understanding to cooperate in imparting research, training and providing technological support to the beneficiaries in the project area.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the afore stated promises the CBRMP and BRRI mutually agree as follows:

### **TERM**

The term of this understanding is from May 24, 2005 to June 2014.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROJECT**

- i. The Project and its employees will devote themselves diligently vigilantly to support the provision of services by BRRI to the beneficiaries.
- ii. The Project shall interface with BRRI in the development and design of research, training programs and workshops.
- iii. The Project will make physical arrangement for any demonstration, training program to be conducted in the project area.
- iv. The total research and relevant costs will be borne by the Project.
- v. The Project will extend technological support and expertise to BRRI as required.
- vi. The Project will reimburse BRRI for all transport and other costs as permitted under the Project documents, for assisting in the implementation of the research.
- vii. Follow up the progress of work through project qualified team from the project.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF BRR**

- i. BRR will provide qualified personnel in supporting the project.
- ii. BRR personnel will act as resources persons in the research & training programs and workshops conducted for the beneficiaries and the target groups of the project.
- iii. BRR personnel will assist the project in conducting the research program proposed.
- iv. BRR will review the results of the research program.
- v. BRR personnel will support the project by promoting the technology at various demonstrations sites.
- vi. BRR personnel will impart training and advice to the project staff about any changes in technologies procedures and policies.
- vii. Prepare draft report.
- viii. Report preparation.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures on the date first written above.

Sunamgonj Community Based  
Resource Management Project  
(CBRMP)

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Bangladesh Rice Research Institute  
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